

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by correcting the sentence inserted before the first line as follows:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 10/139,842 filed on May 6, 2002, now U.S. patent 6,620,623.

Please amend the specification in the paragraph starting at line 27 at page 8 as follows:

Referring now to FIGS. 3, 4 and 5, there is shown a glass holder generally designated by the reference character 300 in accordance with the preferred embodiment for precisely positioning the glass 108 supporting multiple biochip gel arrays. Glass holder 300 includes a support housing 302 including opposing sidewalls 304, 306 and opposing front and rear walls 308, 310. Glass holder includes a glass-receiving cavity 312 including a bottom surface 314 carrying a rectangular plastic springs member 316. A ~~Velcro~~ pressure sensitive fastener or VELCRO® brand fastener material advantageously forms the plastic springs member 316. The glass 108 sits on the plastic springs member 316 with low contact force. A pair of spring loaded rollers 320, 322 and an axis member 324 are mounted within an upper surface 326 of the glass holder support housing 302 engaging the glass 108 with a low contact force. The glass 108 supporting the biochip gel array is easily inserted into and removed from the glass-receiving cavity 312 carried by the plastic springs member 316. The plastic springs member 316 pushes up on the glass 108 providing an effective focal plane for

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reading a particular biochip gel array carried by the glass 108. Glass holder 300 can be used with the bioarray carried by the glass substrate 108 when covered or not covered with a reaction chamber and the bioarray is provided in the focal plane of an optical system.